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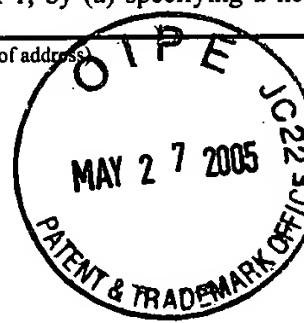
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FOR ALLOWANCE

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In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, he states that "[t]he following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: a method comprising the step of applying UV light to a first conductive material treated with methylsilane." While applicant agrees with the Examiner's indication that the prior art does not teach or disclose the particular elements cited by the Examiner, the undersigned would like to point out that each claim includes a combination of

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While the combinations of elements recited in the allowed claims are allowable, the undersigned would like to point out that some or all of these individual elements may be broadened such that the resulting combination is still patentable. Applicant may elect to pursue such claims, or to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the present invention, through a continuation or reissue application, or through a reexamination proceeding.

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